

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processor for capturing an image of an object and recording image data, representing the image, on a storage medium,

wherein while image data, representing a series of images captured consecutively, is being transferred to the storage medium, the image processor presents the series of images sequentially in an order in which the images have been captured.

2. An image processor comprising:

an imager for capturing an image of an object and outputting image data representing the image captured;

a compressor/expander, which receives and compresses the image data and then outputs the compressed image data or which receives and expands the compressed image data and then outputs the expanded image data;

an image memory for storing the compressed image data thereon;

a display memory for storing the expanded image data thereon;

a display for presenting thereon the expanded image data that has been once stored on the display memory; and

an interface for recording the compressed image data, which has been once stored on the image memory, on a storage

medium,

wherein if the imager has captured a series of images consecutively,

the image memory stores compressed image data that represents the series of images captured, and

the compressor/expander expands the compressed image data, representing the series of images, and then outputs the expanded image data to the display memory so that the series of images are presented on the display sequentially in an order in which the images have been captured, while the compressed image data, representing the series of images, is being transferred from the image memory to the storage medium.

3. The processor of Claim 2, wherein the compressor/expander produces a reduced-size image for each said image captured and compresses the reduced-size image to obtain and output the compressed image data, and

wherein the compressor/expander expands the compressed image data, representing the series of images, and then outputs the expanded image data to the display memory so that the reduced-size versions of the series of images can be presented one by one on the same display in the order in which the images have been captured.

4. The processor of Claim 2, wherein the compressor/expander expands the compressed image data, representing each of the series of images which is being transferred to the storage medium, and then outputs the expanded image data to the display memory so that each said image being transferred can be presented on the display.